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**1) Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$ :**

$$2^{x^2-3x} + 2^{x-x^2} = 2^{1-x}$$

*Jalil Hajimir – Canada*

**Solution:** Using the means inequality we obtain:

$$LHS = 2^{x^2-3x} + 2^{x-x^2} \geq 2\sqrt{2^{x^2-3x} \cdot 2^{x-x^2}} = 2 \cdot 2^{-x} = 2^{1-x} = RHS, \text{ with equality if and only if } 2^{x^2-3x} = 2^{x-x^2} \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3x = x - x^2 \Leftrightarrow x(x-2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \{0,2\}.$$

The set of equation's solutions is  $S = \{0,2\}$

**Remark:** The problem can be developed.

**1.2 Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed. Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$ :**

$$2^{x^2-3\lambda x} + 2^{\lambda x-x^2} = 2^{1-\lambda x}$$

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**Solution:** Using the means inequality we obtain:

$$LHS = 2^{x^2-3\lambda x} + 2^{\lambda x-x^2} \geq 2\sqrt{2^{x^2-3\lambda x} \cdot 2^{\lambda x-x^2}} = 2 \cdot 2^{-\lambda x} = 2^{1-\lambda x} = RHS, \text{ with equality if and only if } 2^{x^2-3\lambda x} = 2^{\lambda x-x^2} \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3\lambda x = \lambda x - x^2 \Leftrightarrow x(x-2\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \{0,2\lambda\}$$

The set of equation's solutions is  $S = \{0,2\lambda\}$ .

**Note:** For  $\lambda = 1$  we obtain the proposed problem by Jalil Hajimir, Canada, in Pascal Academy 10/2019.  
**Remark:** The problem can be developed.

**1.3 Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed. Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$ :**

$$2^{x^2-2ax} + 2^{bx-x^2} = 2^{1+(b-a)x}$$

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**Solution:** Using the means inequality we obtain:

$$LHS = 2^{x^2-2ax} + 2^{bx-x^2} \geq 2\sqrt{2^{x^2-2ax} \cdot 2^{bx-x^2}} = 2 \cdot 2^{(b-a)x} = 2^{1+(b-a)x} = RHS, \text{ with equality if and only if } 2^{x^2-2ax} = 2^{bx-x^2} \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 2ax = bx - x^2 \Leftrightarrow x(x-a-b) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$\Leftrightarrow x \in \{0, a + b\}$ . The set of equation's solutions is  $S = \{0, a + b\}$ .

**Note:** For  $a = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{1}{2}$  we obtain the proposed problem by Jalil Hajimir, Canada, in Pascal Academy 10/2019. **Remark:** The problem can be developed.

**2) Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed. Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$ .**

$$3^{2x^2-3\lambda x} + 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} + 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} = 3^{1+\lambda x}$$

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**Solution:** Using the means inequality we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 3^{2x^2-3\lambda x} + 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} + 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{3^{2x^2-3\lambda x} \cdot 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} \cdot 3^{3\lambda x-x^2}} = 3 \cdot 3^{\lambda x} = \\ &= 3^{1+\lambda x} = RHS, \text{ with equality if and only if } 3^{2x^2-3\lambda x} = 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} = 3^{3\lambda x-x^2} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2x^2 - 3\lambda x = 3\lambda x - x^2 \Leftrightarrow 3x(x - 2\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \{0, 2\lambda\}. \end{aligned}$$

The set of equation's solutions is  $S = \{0, 2\lambda\}$ .

**Remark:** The problem can be developed.

**3) Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed. Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$ :**

$$4^{3x^2-2\lambda x} + 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} + 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} + 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} = 4^{1+\lambda x}$$

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**Solution:** Using the means inequality we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 4^{3x^2-2\lambda x} + 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} + 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} + 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} \geq \\ &\geq 4\sqrt[4]{4^{3x^2-2\lambda x} \cdot 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} \cdot 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} \cdot 4^{2\lambda x-x^2}} = 4 \cdot 4^{\lambda x} = 4^{1+\lambda x} = RHS, \text{ with equality if and} \\ &\text{only if } 4^{3x^2-2\lambda x} = 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} = 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} = 4^{2\lambda x-x^2} \Leftrightarrow 3x^2 - 2\lambda x = 2\lambda x - x^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4x(x - \lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \{0, \lambda\}. \end{aligned}$$

The set of equation's solution is  $S = \{0, \lambda\}$ .

**Reference:**

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